



## General Background

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**Be All That We Can Be: Lessons From the Military for Improving Our Nation's Child Care System.** By Nancy Duff Campbell, Judith C. Appelbaum, Karin Martinson et al. National Women's Law Center (April 2000) 40 p.

FULL TEXT at: [www.nwlc.org/pdf/military.pdf](http://www.nwlc.org/pdf/military.pdf)

["After a brief look at military child care before the Military Child Care Act of 1989, this report examines in some detail the specific ways in which the military made significant improvements in its child care system. The report also looks at how similar improvements might be made in civilian child care."]

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**Cruel and Usual: How Welfare "Reform" Punishes Poor People.** By Rebecca Gordon. Applied Research Center (February 2001) 96 p.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY at: [www.arc.org/downloads/arc010201es.pdf](http://www.arc.org/downloads/arc010201es.pdf)

FULL TEXT at: [www.arc.org/downloads/arc010201.pdf](http://www.arc.org/downloads/arc010201.pdf)

["This survey was designed to test for discrimination in the operation of new welfare programs based on four factors: race, gender, language, and national origin. Results show that there is strong evidence of discrimination in all four areas."]

Executive Summary 4 p.

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Full Report 96 p.

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**The Determinants and Consequences of Child Care Subsidy Receipt by Low-Income Families.** By David Blau and Erdal Tekin. Joint Center for Poverty Research (January 2001) 48 p.

FULL TEXT at: [www.jcpr.org/wp/wpdownload.cfm?pdflink=wpfiles/Blau\\_Tekin\\_final.pdf](http://www.jcpr.org/wp/wpdownload.cfm?pdflink=wpfiles/Blau_Tekin_final.pdf)

["This paper provides an early analysis of child care subsidies under welfare reform. It provides a review of literature on child care subsidies, and discusses the potential for such subsidies to be an effective part of the effort to make low-income families economically self-sufficient."]

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**Families Struggling to Make It in the Workforce: A Post Welfare Report.** Children's Defense Fund. (2000) 91 p.

FULL TEXT at: [www.childrensdefense.org/pdf/CMPreport.pdf](http://www.childrensdefense.org/pdf/CMPreport.pdf)

["This report is based on a survey of over 5000 individuals and families in 1999 designed to take a closer look at those who had left welfare rolls since 1996. Responses showed that many were working and still seeking emergency services at homeless shelters, food banks, and other community agencies."]

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**The High Cost of Child Care Puts Quality Care Out of Reach for Many Families.** By Karen Schulman. Children's Defense Fund (2000) 45 p.

FULL TEXT at: [www.childrensdefense.org/pdf/highcost.pdf](http://www.childrensdefense.org/pdf/highcost.pdf)

["This issue brief discusses the rising costs of child care. Despite clear evidence of the importance of quality care and early education, millions of families continue to struggle to find and afford child care and school-age activities. Research found that child care is often more expensive than college tuition."]

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**How Many Children Need Subsidized Child Care in California?** California Budget Project. (March 2001) 2 p.

FULL TEXT at: [www.cbp.org/qhits/qh010301.html](http://www.cbp.org/qhits/qh010301.html)

["In this paper, the California Budget Project estimates the demand for and cost of providing child care assistance based on state and federal data sources."]

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**Poverty Amidst Plenty 2001: Unspent TANF Funds and Persistent Poverty.** National Campaign for Jobs and Income Support. (February 2001) 46 p.

FULL TEXT at: [www.nationalcampaign.org/prelease/pap2001.htm](http://www.nationalcampaign.org/prelease/pap2001.htm)

["This report finds that as of September 30, 2000, more than \$8 billion in funds allocated to the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant remained unspent. In some states, TANF funds were being used to cover general budget shortfalls. As a result, many poor families and low-income workers have gone without benefits to which they are entitled, and poverty remains high."]

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**Recent Changes in State Child and Dependent Care Tax Provisions: Tax Year 2001.** National Women's Law Center. (January 2001) 19 p.

FULL TEXT at: [www.nwlc.org/pdf/taxchart2001.pdf](http://www.nwlc.org/pdf/taxchart2001.pdf)

["A memorandum and a table provide updated information to "Making Care Less Taxing. The table details CADX tax provisions in effect for the year 2001 and includes those made in 2000."]

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**[original version of previous report] Making Child Care Less Taxing: Improving State Child and Dependent Care Tax Provisions.** By Janice Steinschneider, Elisabeth Hirschhorn Donahue, Nancy Duff Campbell et al. National Women's Law Center (April 1998) 33 p.

FULL TEXT at: [www.nwlc.org/pdf/Making\\_Care\\_Less\\_Taxing.pdf](http://www.nwlc.org/pdf/Making_Care_Less_Taxing.pdf)

["The authors provide an overview of the child and dependent care (CADC) tax provisions available in approximately half of all 50 states and describe the 'best policies' to be considered when enacting such provisions."]

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**Sound Investments: Financial Support for Child Care Builds Workforce Capacity and Promotes School Readiness.** The Southern Institute on Children and Families. (December 2000) 42 p.

FULL TEXT at: [www.kidsouth.org/images/SRICC2000Rpt.pdf](http://www.kidsouth.org/images/SRICC2000Rpt.pdf)

["This report cites statistics from a survey conducted this past summer in 16 southern states and the District of Columbia. Results show that child care expenses disproportionately impact lower-income families, who pay a much higher percentage of their income than more affluent families. The report suggests a plan to help more low-income families receive child care financial aid."]

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**"The 30 Second Effect: An Experiment Revealing the Impact of Television Commercials on Food Preferences of Preschoolers."** By Dina L. G. Borzekowski, Ed.D and Thomas N. Robinson, M.D., MPH. In *Journal of the American Dietetic Association*, vol. 101, no. 1 (January 2001) pp. 42-46.

["This study set out to examine whether televised food commercials influence preschool children's food preferences. Forty-six 2- to 6-year-olds from a Head Start program in Northern California viewed a videotape of a cartoon either with or without embedded commercials, then were asked to choose between pairs of food products."]

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